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**In re Application of:** Williams et al.

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**For:** REINFORCED, SELF-ALIGNING CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING SAME

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This Amendment follows the final Office Action of October 30, 2008, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on January 30, 2009. This Amendment is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action.

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